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New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: REMOVABLE STENT  
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International Application No. PCT/NL99/00779  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Continuation-In-Part of International Application No. PCT/NL99/00779, filed December 16, 1999, which claimed priority of Netherlands Patent Application No. 1011232, filed February 5, 1999, Netherlands Application No. 1011903, filed April 27, 1999. Priority of Ireland Patent Application No. 2001/0114, filed February 13, 2001, and Ireland Patent Application No. 2000/0582, filed July 21, 2000, is also claimed herein.

1. Application - 27 pages, including 6 independent claims and 41 claims total.
2. Drawings - 20 sheets of informal drawings containing 32 figures.
3. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 6 documents attached.
4. Preliminary Amendment.

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5. Declaration and Power of Attorney of Inventors.
6. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to ATROPOS Limited.
7. A check for \$40.00 is enclosed for the Recordation of the Assignment.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for paying the filing fee. Please do not charge the filing fee to our Deposit Account without our authorization.

**Applicants claim small entity status.**

Applicants claim the right to priority based on Netherlands Patent Application No. 1011232, filed February 5, 1999, Netherlands Application No. 1011903, filed April 27, 1999, Ireland Patent Application No. 2001/0114, filed February 13, 2001, and Ireland Patent Application No. 2000/0582, filed July 21, 2000.

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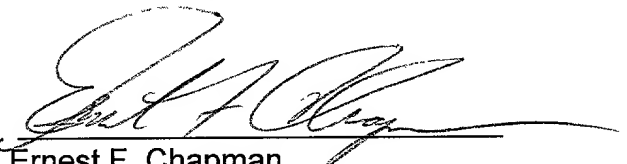
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